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Notice was duly published October 1, 2019 on Page 4 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on October 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Mary Ridder called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present and Commissioner Rod Johnson absent. Chair Ridder stated that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and invited the public to address the Commission.

Public comment was made by Jim Rausch on the NUSF Surcharge increase.

No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

Wednesday, October 9, 2019:

NG-101.2/ NorthWestern Energy - **Quarterly Status Meeting**
PI-224 9:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room
Commissioner Rod Johnson - Hearing Officer

Wednesday, October 16, 2019:

NG-90.2 Black Hills Energy Farm Tap Program - **Hearing**
2:00 p.m. - Commission Hearing room
Commissioner Rod Johnson - Hearing Officer

Thursday, October 17, 2019:

NG-101.1/ Black Hills Energy - **Quarterly Status Meeting**
PI-224 9:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room
Commissioner Rod Johnson - Hearing Officer

NIEF Board Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Commission Hearing Room

Monday, October 21, 2019:

911 Advisory Board Committee Meeting

1:00 p.m. - Cornhusker Office Plaza
333 South 13th Street, Room 202, Lincoln

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Tuesday, October 29, 2019:

Commission Meeting

10:00 a.m. - Commission Hearing Room

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

NUSF-33/ In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on
 PI-68 its own Motion, seeking to investigate the audit
 requirements related to the Nebraska Universal Service
 Fund. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by
 Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order granting/denying NUSF
 remittance audit waivers. Motion passed with Commissioners Crystal
 Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and
 Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

Cullen Robbins informed the Commission of the telecommunications
 complaints and outages received by the Communications Department
 during the preceding month.

Outages for September 2019							
Telephone Company	Affected Area	Outage Date	Completion Date	Duration	Number of Access Lines	Cause Primary	Comments
Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC	Omaha	Sep-03-19	Sep-03-19	0 d 2 h	40000	Equipment	Component failure. Replacement and Reboot restored service. Business customers only affected
Bluestem Fiber, LLC	Lincoln, Seward, Milford	Sep-10-19	Sep-10-19	0 d 1 h	52	Equipment	DDOS on meshed/peered infrastructure. Central office related
Great Plains Communications, LLC	County Road 25 south of Herman.	Sep-10-19	Sep-10-19	0 d 4 h	15	Damaged Cable	USIC failed to locate 2nd cable and Contractor hit it.
Qwest Corporation	Lexington, Elwood	Sep-12-19	Sep-13-19	1 d 6 h	376	Equipment	Elwood Switch is not processing toll calls. Temporary fiber cable was placed. Caused by a contractor working for the State of Nebraska placing "separator cabling" along the highway between Lexington and Elwood.
Qwest Corporation	Pender, Fremont, Oakland	Sep-16-19	Sep-17-19	0 d 18 h	729	Equipment	A portion of Pender Switch is not processing calls. A contractor for West Corp. did not request locates and cut through the fiber that connected a host switch to a remote switch. Since the calls were not reaching the remote, the alarm system indicated that the remote switch was not processing calls.
Qwest Corporation	Elkhorn	Sep-26-19	Sep-26-19	0 d 10 h	266	Cable Cut	The locates were not accurate, so OPPD cut the lines. All the working lines were back in service by 4:00 Thursday, so they were out of service about 8 hours.

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STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-002 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the surcharge for the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to enter an Order scheduling a Hearing for November 5, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln. Motion passed with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

911-042.56 In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 service: York County 911. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades to enter an Order Nunc Pro Tunc. Motion passed with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

Dave Sankey informed the Commission that the next Wireless 911 Advisory Board meeting will be held October 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., at the Cornhusker Office Plaza, Room 202, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-78.7 In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy for authority to adjust the System Safety and Integrity charges (2020). Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter a Notice of Assessment. Motion passed with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

E-2466 In the Matter of the Application of Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln, Nebraska, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Lancaster County. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 7 consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during the third quarter of 2019. For each company: Black Hills Energy - 5; Black Hills Distribution - 0; and NorthWestern - 0; and Other Entities - 2.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

R&R 202 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish Title 291, Chapter 16, to adopt Reverse Auction and Wireless Registry rules and regulations in accordance with Nebraska Legislative Bill 994 [2018]. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order Releasing Proposed Rules and Seeking Comment. Motion passed with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1733 In the Matter of the Application of Papio Transport Service, Inc., Papillion, seeking to acquire through consolidation or merger the authority held by Trendy Transports, Omaha, in Certificate No. B-1908. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order granting temporary authority. Motion passed with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

B-1991 In the Matter of the Application of D & Z Transportation, LLC, Bellevue, seeking authority as common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers by van in open class between points in Douglas and Sarpy counties and points between said counties over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order dismissing application. Motion passed with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

B-1998 In the Matter of the Application of Mike's Transportation Services LLC, Lincoln, seeking to acquire, through transfer, the authority held by Golden Plains Services, Inc., d/b/a GPS Transportation, Lincoln, in Certificate No. B-1829; and

B-1999 In the Matter of the Application of Mike's Capital Cab LLC, Lincoln, seeking to acquire, through transfer, the authority held by Servant Cab Company, LLC, d/b/a Yellow Cab Company and Capital Cab Company, Lincoln, in Certificate B-1581. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram, to enter Orders granting transfers and cancelling Certificates B-1581 and B-1829. Motion passed with Commissioners Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, Commissioner Crystal Rhoades present not voting, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (Cont.)

TNC-2 In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the annual fee for Transportation Network Companies. Motion made by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, seconded by Commissioner Tim Schram to enter an Order setting annual fee. Motion passed with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

BR-570/ In the Matter of the Application of CJ's Party Bus, LLC, B-2000 Bellevue, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter an Order granting rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

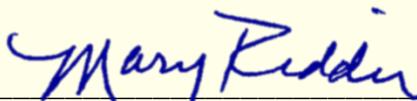
BR-572/ In the Matter of the Application of Rockin' Ma & Pops Party B-2001 Bus, Seward, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3; and

BR-573/ In the Matter of the Application of Mojo Mobility, LLC, B-1966 Omaha seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Crystal Rhoades, to enter Orders granting rates on emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused not voting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

No motion was made on the Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commission invoices. No invoices were presented to the Commission for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m. with Commissioners Crystal Rhoades, Mary Ridder, Tim Schram and Dan Watermeier present and Commissioner Rod Johnson excused. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 29, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on October 28, 2019.



Chair



Executive Director